

1 **Amendment to the Claims:**

2 Claim 1 (twice amended): A skateboard tension strap for temporarily connecting a
3 skateboard to the body of a user, allowing the user to perform "hands-free" stunts without
4 having to use his or her hands to hold or control the skateboard, comprising:

5 a waist belt adapted to be worn by the user around his or her waist,

6 tension strap means for resiliently and adjustably connecting said waist belt
7 directly to said skateboard whereby tension may be maintained between the skateboard and
8 the waist belt without requiring the user to hold said tension strap means with a hand, so that
9 both of the user's hands are free for stunts, said tension strap means having a first end
10 adapted to be anchored to said skateboard and a second end for adjustably connecting said
11 tension strap means to said waist belt, and

12 connecting means for adjustably connecting said second end of said tension
13 strap means to said waist belt, thereby allowing said skateboard user to perform hands-free
14 stunts without having to use his or her hands to hold or control said skateboard, said
15 connecting means comprising a multi-level buckle through which said second end of said
16 tension strap is threaded and whereby tension in said tension strap is increased and
17 maintained by the user pulling upwardly on said second end of said tension strap.

18 Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said multi-level buckle
19 means comprises a plurality of slidable loops, said second end of said tension strap means
20 is elongated and adapted to be pulled by said user to increase the tension in said tension strap
21 means.

22 Claim 3 (canceled)

23 Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising anchor means for
24 removably attaching said first end of said tension strap means to said skateboard.

1 Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said tension strap means
2 includes a sufficiently wide and flat central section on which logos or designs may be
3 displayed.

4 Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said waist belt is sufficiently wide
5 and flat to allow logos or designs to be applied thereon.